

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:
 - a first substrate;
 - a main seal on the first substrate and defining a liquid crystal injection area;
 - a first ~~step coverage compensating~~ step-shaped compensating layer ~~disposed between the first substrate and~~ under the main seal;
 - a plurality of dummy seals on the first substrate and external to the liquid crystal injection area; and
 - a second ~~step coverage compensating~~ step-shaped compensating layer ~~disposed between the first substrate and~~ under the plurality of dummy seals, the second ~~step coverage compensating~~ step-shaped compensating layer having substantially a same thickness as the first ~~step coverage compensating~~ step-shaped compensating layer.
2. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the main seal is provided with a liquid crystal injection hole through which a liquid crystal can be injected.
3. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the main seal and the dummy seals have a same thickness.
4. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the first ~~coverage compensating~~ step-shaped compensating layer has a thickness of about 6500Å.
5. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein a top of the main seal and tops of the dummy seals are a same distance from the first substrate.
6. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - a gate metal pattern on the substrate forming a gate line and a gate electrode; and
 - a gate-insulating layer covering the gate metal pattern.
7. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 6, wherein the first and second ~~step coverage compensating~~ step-shaped compensating layers include the gate metal pattern and the gate-insulating layer.
8. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 6, wherein the main

seal and the dummy seals are formed on the gate-insulating layer.

Claims 9-20 (Withdrawn)

21. (New) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a first substrate;

a main seal on the first substrate and defining a liquid crystal injection area;

a first compensating layer with a width substantially the same as a width of the main seal disposed between the first substrate and the main seal;

a plurality of dummy seals on the first substrate and external to the liquid crystal injection area; and

a second compensating layer with a width substantially the same as a width of the dummy seals disposed between the first substrate and the plurality of dummy seals, the second compensating layer having substantially a same thickness as the first compensating layer.

22. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 21, wherein the main seal is provided with a liquid crystal injection hole through which a liquid crystal can be injected.

23. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 21, wherein the main seal and the dummy seals have a same thickness.

24. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 21, wherein the first compensating layer has a thickness of about 6500Å.

25. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 21, wherein a top of the main seal and tops of the dummy seals are a same distance from the first substrate.

26. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 21, further comprising:

a gate metal pattern on the substrate forming a gate line and a gate electrode; and

a gate-insulating layer covering the gate metal pattern.

27. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 26, wherein the first and second compensating layers include the gate metal pattern and the gate-insulating layer.

28. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 26, wherein the main seal and the dummy seals are formed on the gate-insulating layer.